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## **ANC to Conduct Full-Scale Disaster Exercise**

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### **Media – Please note to the public, THIS IS ONLY A DRILL**

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska)—As part of the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport's (ANC) continued focus on safety and emergency preparedness, ANC will conduct a full-scale mass casualty disaster exercise simulating an aircraft crash Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The exercise will test airfield disaster preparedness and response as required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) every three years.

The exercise will occur in the Point Woronzof area. The exercise will NOT affect or delay any air travel. A small amount of smoke may be visible in the area. Public use of the coastal trail will NOT be impacted. However, there may be a short delay during the initial stages of the simulated accident. Vehicular access onto Point Woronzof Drive will be restricted during the exercise.

More than 100 volunteers will participate as 'victims' next to a simulated aircraft fuselage. Volunteers will arrive at about 8 a.m., for make-up to represent a variety of injuries that will test medical care triage practitioners.

Key exercise participants include airport and airline representatives, the FAA, the American Red Cross, Municipality of Anchorage fire and police departments and the Office of Emergency Management, Cook Inlet Tug and Barge and local hospitals.

*\*Limited media access to the scenario will be provided. Media should be in place no later than 10:30 a.m. the morning of the exercise. For location details, assistance and additional information, please contact Linda Bustamante at 907-266-2107*

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